



REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1.	Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
a.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted
i.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on <u>May 8, 2003</u> (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
ii.	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
iii.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
b.	Enclosed
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iii.	<input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
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b.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
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ii.	<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
iii.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
b.	<input type="checkbox"/> Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
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